Cherry Tree Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Welcome back everyone! We are so pleased to be back and starting Year 1 in Cherry Tree Class. Our topic is ‘Me and my Town’ which will allow us to explore new subjects as we start learning on the National Curriculum. I have planned our Forest School sessions for a Tuesday. At the moment they will be every fortnight as we have made them longer to give us more time in the forest and to allow time for changing into school waterproofs etc. We will be focussing on textiles and weaving during our Forest School sessions for this half term.

Our PE lessons will be taught by Mr Mitchell our Sports Coach. The focus for learning this half term is multi-skills and boot camp! Currently we are advised that the children should not bring in a PE kit to get changed. I will notify you if/when this changes.

History and Geography is all about Lostwithiel with a special focus on the Bridge.

In Art we will look at the work of John Dyer and explore collage, texture, colour, texture and line. We will also start an individual sketch book.

In Music we will learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and to learn how to rap and enjoy it in its original form. I’ll record it for you all!!

Homework books will come home every FRIDAY.

Please can it come back by Wednesday so I have time to mark it. Your child will have a homework booklet with the half terms homework in it along with a purple book to complete the homework in.

Monday – Science/computing

Tuesday – DT Forest School/RE

Wednesday – History/Georgrapgy

Thursday – Music and PE

Friday – Art and PE

PHSE will be taught through story time at the end of each day.

*Sometimes lessons will be taught fortnightly if it is more practical. E.g. Science one week then computing the following.*

Read, write, inc. will continue in Year 1. We will have RWI Monday-Thursday and then on Friday we have a ‘Free write Friday’ lesson. This allows us to complete longer writing activities as a whole class. Our focus in ‘Free write Friday’ this half term is lists and diary writing. We will learn about nouns and think about common exception words e.g. the, a, do, to, today, are, of.

In addition to weekly homework please continue to read at home as much as possible. This practice is invaluable for making progress in reading.

In Maths we continue to follow the ‘White Rose’ scheme of learning. We will start by focusing on Place Value within 10, sorting and counting. We will look at comparing numbers and groups and using symbols such as: <,> and =. We will learn about ordinal numbers and get used to using a number line.

In Science we are learning about animals and plants. This will be an exciting unit of learning. We will learn about the parts of a plant, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and fish. We are hoping to get our own class fish!